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Selwyn House School

Selwyn House School is an independent, non-denominational, day school for 530 boys in Grades 1 to 11, located in Westmount, in the heart of Montreal, Quebec. It is chartered by the Province of Quebec as a non-profit institution and has been "Declared in the Public Interest". The School is owned by the Selwyn House Association, operated by a Board of Directors and administered by the Headmaster. The primary language of instruction is English. However, French is taught at every level.

History

The School was founded in 1908 by Mr. Algernon Lucas, a graduate of Selwyn College, Cambridge, to educate boys to 13 years of age. Its first location was in downtown Montreal, on MacKay Street, and in 1930 it moved to more spacious quarters on Redpath Street. Upon the death, in 1945, of its fourth Headmaster, Mr. Geoffrey H. Wanstall, the ownership of the School was transferred to the Selwyn House Association, a newly-created group of Old Boys and interested parents. In 1960 the building housing Westmount High School was acquired and the School moved into these, its present quarters. The relocation not only provided expanded, first-rate facilities but it also enabled the School to offer instruction beyond the junior high school level, through to matriculation and university entrance. With the acquisition of a new building in 1985, the School increased its floor space by 50 percent while remaining committed to maintaining present enrollment levels.

Statement of Purpose

Selwyn House, an independent boys' school, provides students with an education of exceptional depth and scope.

The school fosters academic excellence through an enriched curriculum, the development of critical and creative thinking, and the ability to communicate ideas well. We strive to instill in our students an intellectual curiosity and a lifelong commitment to learning.

Dedicated, energetic staff teach our courses, coach our teams, supervise our activities, and communicate openly and regularly with parents. Our programmes challenge boys mentally and physically, while stressing a respect for honesty and fair play, and a tolerance of the ideas of others.

Selwyn House supports its students and staff, and rewards their efforts as well as their achievements. Our community is one in which students can build confidence and self-discipline, appreciate their responsibilities to others and themselves, and find joy in learning.

Our goals are that students will acquire positive attitudes to scholarship and recreation, learn clarity of thinking and self-expression, and guide themselves with a high degree of personal integrity.

Greetings from the Headmaster

The School is delighted to be sending two of its rugby teams on this tour of England, Scotland and Wales. We are extremely grateful to our hosts who have already done so much through their careful and thoughtful preparations and special arrangements for ensuring that this experience will be worthwhile in every way, be it educational, sporting or social.

Such opportunities for international exchange of this sort arrive rarely. It is our hope and intention that the Selwyn House contingent will give as much or more than it gets from the tour. As well, it is our wish to be able to reciprocate in the future the wonderfully warm hospitality already afforded us.

I would like to wish all participants in this tour the best of luck and I would encourage all to take every opportunity for personal growth through the comradeship, sportsmanship and international understanding made possible by the various sporting, cultural and educational activities which have been planned.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Selwyn House staff members who are taking the responsibility for supervision and the parents of the students who have been so encouraging and supportive of this effort.

William Mitchell

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Rugby at Selwyn House

The birth of rugby at Selwyn House actually occurred the last year the School occupied the building on Redpath. In that year Martin Lewis, a Welshman with a great tradition of rugby, joined the physical education staff and introduced the game to the boys from Selwyn House. They played rugby at Beaver Lake but only as an intramural activity and concentrating mainly on VIII's. At this particular time, no formal rugby team program existed in Montreal area schools. In fact, Selwyn House actually played the first high school rugby game in Montreal when the School defeated Strathcona High School in a 10'aside game. Nevertheless, the School's tradition of 7'aside continued to exist because of the fewer number of boys required, although the School's intramural program did expand to include teams from Grades 7 - 11.

Obviously, the rugby clubs in the city were delighted to see the spectre of rugby expanded and all of them, but particularly Westmount, did all that could be done to encourage the addition of rugby to the high school athletic programs. Martin Lewis was very specific about adding a new team sport rather than competing against an already established one and consequently a decision was reached to play rugby in the spring rather than compete against American football in the fall. To this date all of the school boy rugby in the Province continues to be played at that time despite the restrictions of time fostered by the late arriving Montreal spring.

Although the School continued to play exhibition games in both XV's and VII's, it wasn't until 1971 that the School entered the G.M.I.A.A. 7's Tournament. That year the senior team lost in the final minute, of the final game, to finish second to Monklands High School. Martin Lewis continued to be the heart of the rugby program passing on both enthusiasm and technique to the teams from Selwyn House.

In 1972 the School took a major step into competitive rugby when it decided to enter G.M.I.A.A. league competition. At the same time a long-haired Peter Govan was hired on a part time basis to assist with the rugby program. Two Bantam, one Junior and one Senior team were entered into league play and although they did not meet with much success, the School's enthusiasm for rugby continued unabated. To some extent the culmination of

years of practice peaked in 1974 when the Govan coached Senior V's won the School's first G.M.I.A.A. Championship (in any sport) when they defeated Lindsay Place 4 - 2 in an exciting, see-saw battle, played at Verdun Stadium. Ironically the father of rugby Martin Lewis, had left Selwyn House the year previous, to enter into the business world. That same year the Junior and the Senior VII's lost in the finals of tournament play; Chambers, Hesler, Stevenson, Bloxam, Rohlichek and Howson are players whose names are associated with success of 1974..

Rugby continued to thrive, and in 1976 the Bantam XV's (Kynes, Nemec, Carter, Baillargeon, Seward) won their first championship. 1976 also marked the arrival of Eddie Heath to the coaching ranks. Ever since, the teams at Selwyn House have been noted for their tenacity and fitness thanks to Eddie's influence.

1977 marked one of the School's most successful seasons as the Bantams with a 6 - 1 season were victorious in both XV's and VII's (A. Nemec, Smith, Berton, Ogilvy) while the Senior's had a 7 - 0 record in league play winning the city championship and losing only to B.C.S. in exhibition game (Bird, Ballantyne, Large, Quintana and Panet-Raymond).

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In 1979 the Senior XV captained for the third consecutive year by Karl Nemec repeated the successes of 1977 and even defeated B.C. in the process (A. Nemec, Osmond, Pateras, Bertos, Gault, Thompson). Not to be outdone, the Bantams of 1980 were victorious in both XVIII's and VII's and only allowed four points to be scored on them all year (Zyto, Ullman, Drummond, Mehnert, Price, Morden, DeLeonardis.)

In 1981 the G.M.I.A.A. was replaced by the G.M.A.A. and Selwyn House benefited from a re-alignment of age categories allowing the School to enter three age categories rather than the traditional two. That year the newly added Midget age category was dominated by Selwyn House who won both the VII and XV championships. The School yearbook mentions, "The skillful though somewhat stern" coaching of Eddie Heath as being inspirational to the likes of Ullman, Sephton, Drummond, MacFarlane, Pascal, DeLeonardis, Zyto, MacKay. The Midgets repeated their successes the following year, after a slow start (VonMoltke, Mehnert, Doyle, Blachford, Nader, Higgins, Patterson).

A decade of futility ended in 1982 when for the first time a Govan coached senior team won the VII's championship defeating B.C.S. in the final (Gault, Skinner, Drummond, MacFarlane, DeLeonardis).

Best Wishes

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In 1983 Mike Maurovich joined the permanent staff and continued the fine tradition of coaching that Selwyn House rugby players have come to expect and in 1986 his Bantam team was victorious at XV's (Hinchey, Williams, Kovalik, Fok).

The first trip overseas occurred in the spring of 1987; only the senior team participated in this inaugural event. Although the team was 0 - 6 three of the games were close and could have gone either way. However, despite the losses, lessons were learned and the trip was a grand success. (Capombassis, Black, Fletcher, Guzzo, Bard, Blundell, Lehnert) The Bantams of 1987 continued to be a testament to Coach Maurovich's abilities as they thumped Riverdale 43-0 in the season's finale (Valdmanis, Banerjee, Carsley, Macdonald).

Coach Alfie Paoletti arrived at Selwyn House in 1987 while longtime parent, experienced rugby player and erstwhile team cheerleader, Sid Sandford, continued his association with the School's rugby program. Their efforts were rewarded when 1988 marked one of the School's most successful seasons. The Bantams (Carsley, Spence, Taylor, Fleiszer, Guinness) and Midgets (Hinchey, Fok, Rutledge, Hatton, Banerjee) won city championships while the Seniors lost a heartbreaker in the league finals (Tobman, Verchere, Vinh, Bouhairie, Pathy).

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The tradition of Bantam victories continued into 1979 when Coach Paoletti was again victorious (Spence, Fleiszer, Brook Vassiliou, Schiffirin) while the Seniors took some solace in a VII's championship (Williams, Fok, Yoo, Hinchey, Rutledge).

In the eighteen years that Selwyn House has been entered in league competition, its teams have been responsible for some twenty-eight different championships in the various age categories. This is indeed a tribute to the quality of the rugby program, the dedication of the coaches and the enthusiasm of the players.

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Itinerary

Friday, March 9

- BA-094 - 8:45 p.m. leaves Mirabel
- check in 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, March 10

- arrive at Heathrow 7:55 a.m.
- practice 12:00 Langley Park Boys School, South Eden, Park Road, Bechenham, Kent, (011-44-1-650923)
- S.H.S. staff stay at Meadow Croft Lodge Guest House, 96-98 Southwood Road, New Eltham, London (011-44-1-8591488)

Sunday, March 11

- a.m. local sightseeing
- 2:30 p.m. both teams play Langley Park School at Old Boys' Club House, (011-44-6509253)

GOOD LUCK



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Junvenile

Row #1: W. Valdmanis, S. Issley, T. Sontag, M. Hen

Row #2: R. Johnston, R. Simpson, A. Brown, S

Row #3: P. Govan, C. Metrakos, M. Andersen



Midget Ru

Row #1: P. LaPerrière, J. Taylor, L

Row #2: M. Maurovich, N. Tingley, H. McGuire

Row #3: A. Vassiliou, J. T

Row #4: R. Maranda, R. Brooks, T. Hoare,



by Team

n, S. Gilman, M. Cohen, R. Sabbagh, D. Bradeen
 ledge, B. Sandford, K. MacDonald, T. Nicoll
 owne, C. Hatton, M. Teryazos, R. Wearing



/ Team

sley, A. Raisman, D. Levenson
 Robertson, M. Spence, A. Paoletti, D. Cude
 , D. Sasse, D. Smith
 edick, J. Guinness, T. Fleiszer, T. Daly

Itinerary

Monday, March 12

- bus to London
- sightseeing a.m. and p.m.

Tuesday, March 13

- local sightseeing
- 4:00 p.m. - both teams play St. Mary's School
- 6:30 p.m. Old Boys reception at Alberta House, 1 Mount Street, London, (01-629-4535) contact Mr. Andrew Powell '45

Wednesday, March 14

- a.m. 7-Aside Rugby Tournament
- p.m. bus to London - afternoon and evening

Thursday, March 15

- travel to Scotland, The Borders (10 hours)
- stay at Waverly Castle, Melrose, Roxburghshire (011-44-089682-2244)

**Good Luck to the Midget and
Junvenile teams on your Rugby Tour**



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ROSES**

Itinerary

Friday, March 16

- breakfast
- local sightseeing
- 12:00 noon, Merchiston Castle School, Colinton
Edinburgh, (031-441-1567) contact person,
Mr. Frank Hadden : Home 031-441-1567
- 12:15 lunch followed by tour of the school
- 2:30 - Sr. vs 22/3rd XV
- 4:00 Midgets vs 3/4th XV
- buffet to follow
- stay at Waverly Castle

Saturday, March 17

- breakfast
- bus to Edinburgh - International Match and/or sightseeing
- stay at Waverly Castle

**Good Luck Selwyn House on your
Rugby Tour of the British Isles**

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Itinerary

Sunday, March 18

- breakfast
- journey to Wales - stop approximately half way
- practice
- dinner
- stay at Ruthin Castle, Ruthin, Clwyd (011-44-98242-2664)

Monday, March 19

- breakfast
- journey to Wales - Swansea
- main contact person Mr. Bryan Evans (Gorseinon, Swansea, (011-44-0792-898283)
- 2:30 p.m. arrive at Penyrheol Comprehensive School
Leisure Center - Mr. Colin Jones, Gorseinon
011-44-094174
- meet billets
- coaches stay at Sea Haven Hotel, 250 Oystermouth Road,
Swansea 011-44-0792-753131

**Best wishes to the Selwyn House
Rugby Teams**

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Itinerary

Tuesday, March 20

- students tour respective schools and stay for lunch
- 2:00 - Midget XV vs Cwrt Sart Comprehensive School
Briton Ferry, Neath, West Glam - Mr. Carl Naperella,
Deputy Headmaster, Briton Ferry 011-44-812206
- buffet to follow game
- 4:30 Senior XV vs Swansea College Tycoch Swansea West
Glam, Mr. Rob Phillips
- buffet to follow game

Wednesday, March 21

- 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Coaching session at Penyrheol
Comprehensive School conducted by Mr. Trevor James,
WRU Coaching Development Officer

Thursday, March 22

- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Local sightseeing
- 5:00 p.m. Midget XV vs Penyrheol Comprehensive
- 7:00 p.m. Senior XV vs Gorseinon College
- buffet to follow Senior game

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Itinerary

Friday, March 23

- leave for London
- Post House Hotel Heathrow Airport, Sipson Road, West Drayton - 011-44-1-7592323
- final banquet

Saturday, March 23

- breakfast
- depart for airport 9:00 a.m
- leave for Montreal 11:30 a.m. - BA095
- arrive Mirabel 2:00 p.m.

Rugby

An assembly of players on the field
Gaze at each other filled with hatred.
The ball is kicked as the whistle is heard,
And the runners are tackled, as expected.
The ball is released as the runner is jolted;
It rolls out of play, and a line is formed.
The ball is thrown to soar through the air,
And finally into the clutches of a leaping man,
Who holds it in the protection of his body
Until he hears the scrum half's demand.
The ball is passed down, and the forwards follow
To be ready to "ruck" if the runner is hit.
The "ruck" is formed and the ball is heeled back.
As the ball is picked up, they say, "Pass it to Stoner!"
The game comes to an end as the whistle is heard,
And the final score
Is three to four.

Philippe Panet-Raymond '78

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MIDGET RUGBY

Coaches: Mike Maurovich, Alfie Paoletti, & David Cude

PLAYER	POSITION	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Brooks, Richard	WF	14	1.85	72.7
Carsley, Lucas	SH	15	1.68	61.4
Daly, Tim	2nd H	15	1.88	61.4
Dedicik, Chris	FB 1C	14	1.80	71.4
Fleischer, Tim	#8	14	1.80	84.1
Guinness, Joel F.H.	1C	16	1.91	70.5
Hoare, Tim	2nd R	16	1.80	75.0
Horn, Andrew	W.F.	16	1.80	75.0
LaPerriere, Paul	Front Row	15	1.70	68.2
Levenson, David	Hooker	15	1.63	50.0
Maranda, Robert	2nd R	15	1.91	70.0
McGuire, Hugh	Fly Half	15	1.76	61.4
Raisman, Andrew	Pro P	15	1.73	70.5
Robertson, Colin	Fly Half	15	1.76	61.4
Sasse, Oliver	Wing	14	1.78	63.6
Smith, Dylan	O.C.	14	1.80	72.7
Spence, Mark	O.C.	14	1.80	61.4
Taylor, Jeremy	Prop	15	1.73	72.7
Taylor, Jonathan	Prop.	15	1.73	77.3
Tingley, Charles	F.B.	15	1.76	70.5
Vassiliou, Anthony	2nd R.	15	1.80	77.6
Wakrat, Ben	Wing	15	1.73	61.4

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SENIOR RUGBY**Coaches: Peter Govan, Rob Wearing & Tom Nicoll**

PLAYER	POSITION	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Anderson, Mark	#8	17	1.80	81.8
Blundell, Andrew	P/WF	17	1.73	70.5
Bradeen, Derek	P	16	1.78	72.7
Bridgman, Mark	W	17	1.85	79.6
Brown, Anthony	W	17	1.81	78.6
Browne, Tony	W/WF	16	1.91	70.5
Cohen, Matt	H/SH	16	1.73	56.9
Gilman, Sean	WF/OC	17	1.79	70.5
Hatton, Chris	FH	16	1.85	79.6
Henderson, Michael	H/OC	17	1.73	70.5
Issley, Steven	P/IC	16	1.73	75.0
Johnston, Rob	2nd/WF	16	1.80	79.5
Macdonald, Keith	I.C./OC	16	1.80	70.5
MacKay, Tom	2nd	18	1.91	85.0
Metrakos, Chris	2nd	16	1.91	93.2
Rutledge, Stuart	SH	16	1.76	75.0
Sabbagh, Richard	P/FB	17	1.80	29.5
Sandford, Brian	WF/FH	16	1.80	65.9
Simpson, Ron	FB	17	1.80	63.6
Sontag, Tiga	H	16	1.68	50.0
Teryazos, Mike	2nd	17	1.85	79.5
Valdmanis, Warren	P/WF	16	1.73	72.7

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